

(1) Authorize the National Labor Relations Board to certify a union as the bargaining representative when a majority of employees voluntarily sign authorizations designating that union to represent them;

(2) Provide for first contract mediation and arbitration; and

(3) Establish meaningful penalties for violations of a worker's freedom to choose a union; and be it further

Resolved, That this body urges Hawaii's congressional delegation to support the Employee Free Choice Act and to impel the United States Congress to pass this measure to protect America's workers and preserve their freedom to choose for themselves whether or not to form a union; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

POM-451. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania relative to Christopher Kangas; to the Committee on the Judiciary

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 579

Whereas, On September 11, 2002, Hearing Examiner Doug Dodge of the Bureau of Justice Assistance in the Department of Justice determined that Christopher Kangas was not a public safety officer within the meaning of the Public Safety Officers' Benefits Act of 1976; and

Whereas, This ruling denies his survivors benefits under the act and means that Christopher is ineligible to be memorialized on the wall of the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial in Emmitsburg, Maryland; and

Whereas, The ruling has shocked and dismayed the Brookhaven Fire Department in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, whose fire chief, Rob Montella, has claimed: "He was a firefighter . . . what he was legally allowed to do, Chris did"; and

Whereas, When his last fire alarm sounded, Christopher Kangas, a junior firefighter for Brookhaven and 14 years of age, hopped on his bicycle to answer the call; and

Whereas, When he died of head injuries after being hit by a car while answering that call on May 4, 2002, he received a full hero's send-off and was laid to rest in a Class A fireman's uniform at a funeral steeped in honor and fire service tradition and attended by firemen from as far away as Massachusetts; and

Whereas, Flags at the National Fallen Firefighter's Memorial flew at half-staff in his honor and memory; and

Whereas, Rob Montella himself, State Fire Commissioner Ed Mann and Brookhaven line officers Dave Zamonski and Charles Leslie, first and second assistant chiefs, respectively, began their volunteer firefighting service answering fire calls as junior firefighters on bicycles, and Mr. Montella has said that Christopher was a firefighter who had a full set of gear, attended all training sessions, answered the calls and was in compliance with the Pennsylvania Junior Emergency Service Compliance Manual; and

Whereas, Upon Christopher's death, his mother became eligible for and received State and borough benefits because he had died in the line of duty, but under Hearing Examiner Dodge's September 11, 2002, opinion, he was denied Federal benefits; and

Whereas, This decision has concerned all firefighters who have learned of it, as it narrows the definition of firefighter and restricts their benefits; Therefore be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

memorialize the President of the United States and the Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation to do all in their power to encourage the United States Department of Justice to review its September 11, 2002, refusal to classify Christopher Kangas as a "public safety officer" under the Public Safety Benefits Act of 1976; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States and to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. CLINTON (for herself, Mr. TALENT, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 2430. A bill to provide for improved medical readiness of the members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NELSON of Nebraska (for himself and Mrs. HUTCHISON):

S. 2431. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes self-management training by designating certified diabetes educators recognized by the National Certification Board of Diabetes Educators as certified providers for purposes of outpatient diabetes education services under part B of the medicare program; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TALENT:

S. 2432. A bill to expand the boundaries of Wilson's Creek Battlefield National Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 2433. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow self-employed individuals to deduct health insurance costs in computing self-employment taxes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BINGAMAN):

S. 2434. A bill to establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community to develop a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino Community in Washington, D.C., and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 2435. A bill to permit Inspectors General to authorize staff to provide assistance to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. INOUE:

S. 2436. A bill to reauthorize the Native American Programs Act of 1974; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. ENSIGN:

S. 2437. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to require a voter-verified permanent record or hardcopy under title III of such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CORZINE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. REED, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. REID, Mr. JOHN-SON, and Mr. DAYTON):

S. Res. 364. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate concerning oil markets; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 98

At the request of Mr. ALLARD, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 98, a bill to amend the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956, and the Revised Statutes of the United States, to prohibit financial holding companies and national banks from engaging, directly or indirectly, in real estate brokerage or real estate management activities, and for other purposes.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 623

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mrs. DOLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 623, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal civilian and military retirees to pay health insurance premiums on a pretax basis and to allow a deduction for TRICARE supplemental premiums.

S. 646

At the request of Mr. CORZINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Ms. CANTWELL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 646, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand and improve coverage of mental health services under the medicare program.

S. 845

At the request of Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 845, a bill to amend titles XIX and XXI of the Social Security Act to provide States with the option to cover certain legal immigrants under the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs.

S. 976

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 976, a bill to provide for the issuance of a coin to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Jamestown settlement.

S. 979

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. TALENT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 979, a bill to direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require